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S. Res. 73 — Committee Funding Resolution

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Reported favorably from the Committee on Rules and Administration by voice vote on January 25, 1995; Senate Report 104-6.

HIGHLIGHTS

- By unanimous consent, the Senate will turn to S. Res. 73 today after disposition of the Dole motion to refer and amendments thereto. There will be one hour of debate on S. Res. 73, equally divided. No amendments are in order. If a roll call vote is requested, it will occur on Monday, but not before 5 p.m.
- S. Res. 73 authorizes funds for the committees of the Senate for the next two years. For the first year, March 1, 1995 through February 29, 1996, the resolution authorizes \$49.4 million. (Unspent funds may be carried over through September 30, 1996.) For the second year, March 1, 1996 through February 28, 1997, the resolution authorizes \$50.5 million. Committee-by-committee details are shown below.
- S. Res. 73 authorizes 13.4 percent fewer dollars for 1995 than were authorized for 1994. This reduction was obtained by reducing the total authorized level by 15 percent (as recommended by the Republican Conference) and then adding cost-of-living adjustments. The cost-of-living adjustment for 1995 is 2.0 percent. The COLA for 1996 is 2.4 percent, but it must first be approved by the President *pro tempore*.
- S. Res. 73 authorizes 947 employees, a 20-percent reduction from last year's level.
- Unexpended balances from the 103d Congress may not be carried over into the 104th Congress. However, the resolution does allow unexpended funds to be transferred into a special reserve fund under the jurisdiction of the Rules Committee; such funds will be used for special, unanticipated, non-recurring needs of committees.
- The resolution expresses the sense of the Senate that space assigned to committees shall be reduced commensurate with the reductions in authorized staff. The space will be redistributed to Senators to the extent possible, taking into account population differences of the States, the consolidation of offices, the cost of moving offices, and cost of furniture and support equipment.

Committees	Authorization, 1994, Actual	Authorization, 1995, Recommended in S. Res. 73	1994 Actual Minus 1995 Recommended (dollars)	Percent Change, 1994 Actual to 1995 Recommended
Agriculture	\$1,973,136	\$1,708,179	-\$264,957	-13.43%
Appropriations	5,569,506	4,823,586	-745,920	-13.39
Armed Services	2,880,344	2,641,704	-238,640	-8.29
Banking	3,220,767	2,788,802	-431,965	-13.41
Budget	3,499,838	3,032,295	-467,543	-13.36
Commerce	3,890,947	3,369,312	-521,635	-13.41
Energy	2,815,535	2,579,566	-235,969	-8.38
Environment	2,744,197	2,376,346	-367,851	-13.40
Finance	3,419,382	2,960,173	-459,209	-13.43
Foreign Relations	2,808,864	2,647,720	-161,144	-5.74
Governmental Affairs	5,213,729	4,429,312	-784,417	-15.05
Indian Affairs	1,221,872	1,119,088	-102,784	-8.41
Judiciary	5,013,474	4,260,450	-753,024	-15.02
Labor	5,257,570	4,018,406	-1,239,164	-23.57
Rules	1,511,163	1,309,439	-201,724	-13.35
Small Business	1,156,079	1,059,861	-96,218	-8.32
Veterans Affairs	1,196,647	1,097,451	-99,196	-8.29
Aging	1,209,141	1,108,255	-100,886	-8.34
Intelligence	2,433,624	2,064,860	-368,764	-15.15
TOTAL	\$57,035,815	\$49,394,804	-\$7,641,011	-13.40%

POSSIBLE AMENDMENTS

By unanimous consent, no amendments are in order.

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